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Letter dated 15 July 2013 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan regarding the barbaric attack against the Tanzanian peacekeepers in South Darfur State (see annex). The statement condemns, in the strongest possible terms, the attack against the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) peacekeepers, which was perpetrated by Sudan Liberation Army (SLA)-Minni Minawi. The attack is another piece of stark evidence that proves its rejection of the peace process.

I would be grateful if you could circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Daffa-Alla Elhag Ali **Osman**
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Annex to the letter dated 15 July 2013 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Government of the Sudan conveys its sincere condolences to the families of the victims of the disgraceful attack on the forces of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) in Khor Abeche, Southern Darfur; to the United Republic of Tanzania, the country of the victims; and to UNAMID.

The Government of the Sudan condemns the attack in the strongest possible terms. The attack is a desperate attempt to thwart the noble mission of UNAMID and undermine the peace process in Darfur, at a time when the security situation in the region has improved markedly. This cowardly act will not deter the Government of the Sudan from continuing its efforts to achieve comprehensive peace in Darfur and extend every form of support and cooperation to UNAMID. The Government is committed to conducting a prompt investigation into the incident and bringing the perpetrators to justice.

The Government wishes to make it clear that the so-called Sudan Liberation Movement Army-Minni Minawi is responsible for the brutal attack. This is yet another sign that that rebel movement is intent not only on rejecting the peace process, but also on targeting those who work for its success and seek to prepare a humanitarian situation that would allow the displaced persons to return, settle in their villages and resume their normal lives.

The Government of the Sudan recalls that the Minawi movement and its allies in the so-called Revolutionary Front are the greatest threat to peace in the region. They are now openly targeting everyone who works for peace, security and stability in the region, as is clearly shown by this latest incident, not to mention the murder by the Jibril Ibrahim faction on 12 May 2013 of Justice and Equality Movement leaders who had signed the Doha Document. It is time for the international community to take steps to guarantee an end to such attacks by criminal groups, hold the perpetrators of the humanitarian crimes accountable and deprive them of all forms of support and cooperation.